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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte ALISTAIR R. HAMILTON

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Application No. 09/181,151

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 17, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

In the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 16; page 3, paragraph 9) mailed on March 26, 2002, the examiner listed as prior art, Morino, JP409023414A. A review of the file reveals that an English translation was not provided for this reference. Before further review of this application, the examiner must submit an English translation.

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Also, in the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 16; prgh. (10)), regarding the "Grounds of Rejection," the examiner has listed the statement for the basis of the grounds of rejection for claims 1-13, but has not listed the statement of the basis of the grounds of rejection for claim 14. Before further review of this application, the examiner must provide the statement for the basis of the grounds of rejection for claim 14.

In addition, on January 8, 2002, appellant filed an Appeal Brief (Paper No. 15). A review of the file reveals that the required fee was not charged for the Appeal Brief. Before further review of this file, the Appeal Brief fee must be applied to the appellant's account.

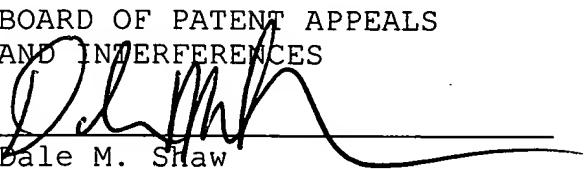
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) entry of an English translation for Morino, JP409023414A; 2) entry of the statement for the basis of the grounds of rejection for claim 14; 3) entry of the Appeal Brief fee; and 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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